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Title : HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOL FOR CUTTING FIBER  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

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